

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Electrical Engineers (17-2071)**

Associated Occupation: **Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)**

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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Engineering and Technology	5.7	21.4	22.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Design	5.2	19.5	21.5	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Physics	4.3	18.7	15.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mechanical	6.8	18.3	12.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	18.0	18.1	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	15.6	17.7	> Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	11.6	8.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	7.7	4.6	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Telecommunications	3.9	7.0	7.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Reading Comprehension	10.7	16.0	13.9	< A higher skill level may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	15.8	9.8	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Science	4.5	15.3	9.4	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Critical Thinking	10.8	15.2	13.3	<	A higher skill level may be required
Mathematics	6.2	13.9	10.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	13.5	12.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	11.0	7.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	11.0	9.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Technology Design	2.6	9.7	5.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97			
Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071) Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Written Comprehension	11.0	16.8	14.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	15.4	13.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	14.4	10.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	13.9	13.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.8	13.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	12.0	12.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	10.8	10.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	10.8	10.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 99
<b>Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)</b> <b>Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)</b>		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Advise clients or customers	19	
Advise clients regarding engineering problems	67	
Analyze engineering design problems	69	
Analyze engineering test data	71	
Analyze project proposal to determine feasibility, cost, or time	69	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications	47	

Analyze test data	64
Calculate engineering specifications	64
Collect scientific or technical data	30
Communicate technical information	4
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Conduct performance testing	66
Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel	25
Confer with research personnel	50
Coordinate engineering project activities	71
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Delegate authority for engineering activities	73
Design control systems	78
Design electronic equipment	74
Design engineered systems	75
Design manufacturing processes or methods	77
Design power equipment	87
Determine factors affecting production processes	84
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop plans for programs or projects	31
Develop policies, procedures, methods, or standards	21
Develop tables depicting data	33
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3
Direct and coordinate scientific research or investigative studies	27
Direct personnel in support of engineering activities	74
Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale	57
Estimate cost for engineering projects	69
Estimate time needed for project	64
Evaluate costs of engineering projects	70
Evaluate engineering data	60
Evaluate manufacturing or processing systems	68
Evaluate product design	78
Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy	62
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow manufacturing methods or techniques	73
Follow statistical process control procedures	73
Improve test devices or techniques in manufacturing, industrial or engineering setting	75
Inspect facilities or equipment for regulatory compliance	51
Lead teams in engineering projects	73
Perform safety inspections in industrial, manufacturing or repair setting	32
Plan scientific research or investigative studies	48
Plan testing of engineering methods	72
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Provide analytical assessment of engineering data	75
Read blueprints	10
Read schematics	34
Read technical drawings	7
Resolve engineering or science problems	46

Test electrical components or systems	99
Test equipment as part of engineering projects or processes	67
Understand detailed electronic design specifications	70
Understand engineering data or reports	48
Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks	58
Use computer graphics design software	70
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques	50
Use government regulations	44
Use intuitive judgment for engineering analyses	72
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use long or short term production planning techniques	74
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use project management techniques	47
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use research methodology procedures within manufacturing or commerce	75
Use robotics systems technology	78
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use technical information in manufacturing or industrial activities	67
Use technical regulations for engineering problems	61
Use total quality management practices	85
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Work as a team member	36
Write business project or bid proposals	48
Write product performance requirements	78

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 72

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**Associated Occupation: Aerospace Engineers (17-2011)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Development software	4
Electrical measuring and testing equipment	7
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Industry specific software	1

Length and thickness and distance measuring instruments	2
Light and wave generating and measuring equipment	4
Mechanical instruments	14
Operating environment software	12
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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